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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to DD/I (Administration)

FROM: Assistant Director for Basic Intelligence

SUBJECT: Establishment of School of International Communism

REFERENCES: (a) Memorandum from Assistant to DD/I (Admin) same subject, dated 19 July 1956  
(b) Memorandum by the Director of Training, same subject, dated 29 June 1956

1. The establishment of a School of International Communism in the Office of Training is, I believe, a desirable step in the over-all training activity of the Agency. It coincides with other recent Agency and IAC interest in formalizing and expanding intelligence and research activity regarding international communism. For example, beginning with this fiscal year, the Department of State will, as part of its contribution to the National Intelligence Survey, prepare NIS elements on 1) world-wide Communist organizations, such as the World Federation of Trade Unions and the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, and 2) the over-all Communist situation in selected individual countries.

2. I note that paragraph 7 of reference (b) cites as a planned activity the preparation of a course on the Strategy and Tactics of World Communism specifically tailored for analysts in DD/I. I believe preparation and presentation of such a course should receive a high priority in OTR's planning. This Office has in the past sent personnel to the Course on World Communism then offered as part of the Intelligence School in OTR. A chief criticism of that course by our personnel was that DD/F considerations, i.e., the operational and organizational aspects of the Party and various apparatus, tended to exclude those facets, primarily of a long-term political and economic nature, of more fundamental interest to the DD/I area.

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1. This Office plans to send personnel to the DD/I-oriented course on international communism on a one-person-per-presentation basis. The immediate objective will be the training of personnel responsible for the substantive review of the State-produced elements described in paragraph 1, above. Ultimately, we plan to have OBI intelligence officers, regardless of functional responsibility, attend as part of their individual professional development.

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